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SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 10 as follows:

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"After the terminal has received the cipher change command CCC1 with the new cipher key, only one acknowledgement command ACK11 is transmitted to the radio network controller 1, so that the radio network controller 1, after a defined period of time, does not again transmit the cipher change command CCC1 with the new cipher key. Each transmission of data (uplink) which are to be coded, is also stopped by the terminal (ST21). The only exception is a cipher key acknowledgement command CCOK1 to be described in the following, which is coded with the ~~old~~ new cipher key. After the respective terminal has taken the cipher key from the cipher change command CCC1, the key taken from the cipher change command CCC1 by the terminal is registered as a new cipher key and transmitted together with a cipher key acknowledgement command CCOK1 to the radio network controller 1. After the transmission of the key acknowledgement command CCOK1 the terminal is in a position to receive and decipher data with the old and new cipher keys. The old cipher key is only necessary when a renewed cipher change command CCC1 is received, which has been coded with the old cipher key. This takes place when the cipher key contained in the cipher key acknowledgement command CCOK1 differs from the originally transmitted cipher key, for example, as a result of a transmission error."

Please add the following paragraph beginning on page 23, line 4 as follows:

A2
"While the embodiments of the invention disclosed herein are presently considered to be preferred, various changes and modifications can be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. The scope of the invention is indicated in the appended claims, and all changes that come within the meaning and range of equivalents are intended to be embraced therein."

Please amend the Abstract as attached hereto.